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In re Application of: Masayki Ueda et al  
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Filed: December 28, 2001

PETITION TO CONSIDER  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
1.181

Attorney Docket No.: 217833US2  
For: COMPONENT COST ESTIMATION  
SYSTEM, COMPONENT COST  
ESTIMATION METHOD, COST  
STANDARD DATA PROVIDING SYSTEM:  
COST STANDARD DATA PROVIDING  
METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM,  
AND COMPUTER DATA SIGNAL

This is in response to applicant's petition filed on October 5, 2007, to request that the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 28, 2001 be considered by the examiner.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

As stated by Petitioner, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on December 28, 2001, and petitioner has included a copy of this IDS along with a copy of a date-stamped filing receipt evidencing this filing.

A review of the file record indicates that, in the examiner's first action mailed December 23, 2005, the examiner objected to this IDS and stated that it failed to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP 609 because the applicant failed to provide an English translation of the reference. The examiner then indicated that the reference cited on the IDS has not been considered. In applicant's response to this, filed March 23, 2006, applicant stated that a statement of relevancy was filed along with the IDS on October 28, 2001. Examiner then acknowledged this in the final rejection mailed June 16, 2006, withdrew the objection, however, failed to consider the reference cited on the IDS.

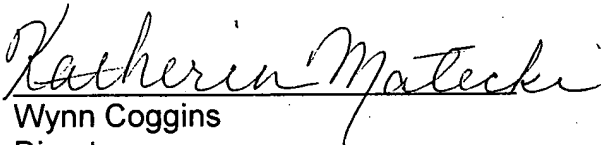
MPEP 609.04(a)(III) states that "Each information disclosure statement must further includes a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information listed that is not in the English language".

Since applicant has provided the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language information, the examiner was directed to consider the cited reference and has mailed a communication on 29 April 2008 indicating that the reference has been considered.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to John Hayes at (571) 272-6708.

Accordingly the petition is Granted.

**Summary: *Petition Granted***

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